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Retirement Board has been issued an Attorney General's opinion that this language should be found to be unconstitutional as class legislation. Kenneth Steinmiller, Director of the Public Employees Retirement Board, appeared in support of the bill. There was no opposition. LB 49 was advanced to General File on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays, and one absent. This is a Committee--a bill that was introduced by the Retirement Committee and I move that it be advanced to E & R for--E & R initial.

PRESIDENT: Is there any debate? The question is shall LB 49 be advanced to E & R. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Excuse me. Machine vote. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, 13 not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 49 shall be so advanced.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 52. Read title. There are no amendments or Committee amendments or other amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Legislative bill LB 52 would repeal 14--sections 14-1321 and 14-1326 of the Nebraska statutes. The statutes relate to retirement and insurance fringe benefits at the old University of Omaha. The University merger bill enacted by the 1967 Legislature protected these benefits for current and future employees of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. However, this portion of the merger legislation was changed by the 1972 Legislature so that the University could institute a uniform fringe benefit package for all University employees. Such a uniform fringe benefit package did go into effect January 1, 1974. Thus, sections 14-1321 to 14-1326 are totally obsolete and serve no useful purposes. No witnesses appeared either in support or opposition to the bill. LB 42 was advanced to General File on a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, one absent and not voting. This is a bill introduced by the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to make a correction in the statutes. I move that the bill be advanced to E & R initial.

PRESIDENT: Any debate? The question is shall LB 52 be so advanced. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, 16 not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 52 shall be so advanced. Senator Hasebroock.

CLERK: Mr. President. LB 55. Read title. There are no Committee amendments or other amendments pending.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 55 would provide that a death benefit equal to the employee contribution plus regular interest be provided to a terminated member of the State Patrol Retirement system who elects a deferred annuity and who dies before the annuity starts. Present statutes are vague on the benefits to be provided in this situation. The purpose of LB 55 is to clarify this ambiguity and to precisely define the benefits to be provided. This bill specifies the benefit that was likely